FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT ARRIVES FOR THREE SPEECHES IN ONE DAY

PRICEONECENT

# 20,000 BOW HEADS AS "BILLY" SUNDAY **URGES REPENTANCE**

"God Has Foreordained That Sinners Shall Go to Hell," He Cries to Multitude.

Fiery Evangelist in Characteristic Sermon on "Faith" Stirs Big Afternoon Audience.

ill if you don't repent. He has foreordained that you go to heaven if you shouted "Billy" Sunday this afterto more than 20,000 men and women she had crowded into the tabernacle to hear him preach. He was preaching on Faith," and he made it plain that in his lief there were a great many of the mough and did not pray enough to as-

the Almighty. The wiry evangelist reached the tabersacle shortly before 2 o'clock. It was with difficulty that he made his way brough the great crowd that had asembled around the ministers' entrance n the bope of catching a glimpse of him as he and "Ma" Sunday left their automobile and went into the structure.

Like a champion prize fighter, fit to ge half a dozen rounds-us Sunday says he always is-"Bill?" jumped up the steps of the platform while Prof. Homer W. Rodeheaver was leading the congre-gation in singing some of the inspiring

"A GREAT BUNCH," HE SAYS. As he stepped to the pulpit his face Looking down upon the sea of upturned faces, he became almost subilant and spoke to himself:

orhis is a great bunch." Then, while he stood and gazed around him he asked God's help during the afterone of his characteristic silent

forward to make announcements, and broughout his sermon the audience apslanded, laughed; cheered and bowed heir heads as he poured his red-hot entences into it. As usual, there were many out-of-town visitors present. The majority of the audience was composed

Throughout his sermon he jumped around the platform, now imitating some n deacon, now mimicking, some high salaried singer, and again acting the part of the sin-covered people he discussed.

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# THE WEATHER



Well, how do you like this spring temerature? By shutting one's eyes and sing a little imagination it is almost maible to believe that summer is dodgor right around the corner somewhere. The birds certainly feel that way at least, says the unassuming commuter, who in five minutes late every morning and stamps the Jersey mud off his shoes. But the weatherman is not worried at all. "Lowy winter has its warm spots," he mys. We have warm spots in our heart.

But not for this winter.

# FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Pair and colder tonight and Friday, with temperature near freezing Fri day morning; fresh to strong westerly winds.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia B A. M.

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Almanac of the Day Lamps to Be Lighted

to Limps and Other Vehicles .. 5:05 p. m.

The Tides FORT RICHMOND. HESTNUT STREET WHARF BEHRY BLAND. BREAKWATER

NO SEATING TODAY.

# Sundaygrams From

Afternoon Sermon

God has forcordained that you go to heaven if you repent. He has forcordained that you go to hell if you don't; so do your own voting.

The church of God today ought to hang its head in shame and disgrace to think that there is so little faith in God.

Don't ever swell up with pride and think that your intellectual de-velopment is such that you can un-derstand everything there is in the Rible.

# TAFT IN CITY, GUEST OF OHIO MEN, SPEAKS AT HOTEL LUNCHEON

Former President Will Wind Yale Alumni.

Former President William Howard Taft became the guest of the Ohio Society in this city today. A delegation of members of the society, headed by John E. Gensemer and C. L. Bundy, met Mr. Taft

Duty and Responsibility."

After the lecture Mr. Taft will meet the members of the Yale Alumni Asso-ciation and talk over "old times" with former classmates

The Yale Alumni Association of Philadelphia has arranged a smoker in honor of ex-President Taft for this evening at the University Club. The amoker will commence at 8:15 o'clock, with a selection of lantern slides of various views around the university, including pictures of dif-ferent athletics events. Mr. Taft is ex-pected to arrive about 9 o'clock and will say a few words to his fellow alumnists, after which there will be an informal sup-per and singing by various members of the association. It is expected there will be a large attendance on hand, as this is the first opportunity the members of the association have had to meet Mr. Taft since he was present at the annual

### \$55,000 FOR NAVY YARD IN HOUSE APPROPRIATION

For Railroad Extension, Distributing Systems and Dredging.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- Liberal approoriation for improvements to various navy yards, including fuel oil storage arrange-

Yard, \$55,000. of marine barracks, Mare Erection of marine barracks, Norfolk,

### \$200,000 FIRE FOLLOWS THREAT OF BLACKHANDERS

Police Search for Foreign Criminals Resented.

PITTSBURGH. Jan. 7. — Following threats by alleged "blackhanders" that they would burn down the town of Wilkinsburg unless the police ceased their war upon bands of foreign criminals. fire started in that suburb today, and when reported under control at 19 o'clock it had caused a loss of \$200,000. Two persons were overcome by smoke and several women on upper floory of one of the office buildings destroyed were reacued with difficulty.

WILL LIFT WOOL EMBARGO But Australia Exports Must Be Car-

The biggest farce of the average church is the prayer meeting.

Every age has got to recast its vocabulary to preach the Gospel to the people, \* \* I preach the Gospel in the language of today.

Lots of prayers are rigmarole. You have not God in your mind when you pray.

If you go to God without faith you insult Him instead of honoring Him.

Without faith there is no love. Without faith the family goes to

Up Busy Day With Talk of "Old Times" With

at Broad Street Station on his arrival at noon today.

The party proceeded to the Hotel Adelphia, where a reception was held.

E. O. Mosier, president of the society, presided at a luncheon, at which Mr. Taft spoke. Following the luncheon Mr. Taft paid visits to the University Club and the Union League.

and the Union League.

There will be a dinner at the Adelphia, after which Mr. Taft will deliver a lecture in Horticultural Hall, under the auspices of the University Extension Society. The title will be "Executive Power, Duty and Essengebillt."

dinner of the association during his term as President.

Then there will be a supper at the Adelphia at 10 o'clock, when Mr. Taft will make a third address.

pards, including the off acrage arrange-ments, are contained in the naval appro-priation bill, partly completed by the House Naval Affairs Committee today. Among the items in the bill are: Extension of railroad and distributing systems and dredging, Philadelphia Navy

Va. \$200,000.
Naval hospital, New York, three contagious discusse units, \$15,000.
E-tension of wharf, naval training station, San Francisco, \$15,000.

with difficulty.

The fire started shortly after Policeman Don Snyder was shot by three supposed yeggmen whom he attempted to arrest.

ried in British Ships. WASHINGTON, Jan I. The State De-partment was Informed today that the British Government would lift the am-barge on Australian wool exports to the United States on condition that the wool be shipped in Bettah vaccion.

William Howard Talt reached the city today at noon as the guest of the Ohio Society. He was scheduled for one speech at a luncheon, another before the University Extension Society at night, and a third before Yale Alumni.

# RUM INTERESTS SEEK TO HALT PENROSE PROBE

Powerful Machinery at Work in Washington Prevents Exposure of "Slush

Representative Palmer Says Saloon Men Contributed \$300,-000 to Senators Campaign.

IFROM OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- The most powerful machinery in the country-the liquor party, with its arms reaching into both parties-is now being exerted to prevent an investigation by the Senate into the campaign expenses for the United States Senate from Pennsylvania and Illinois. The activity of the liquor men is becoming more apparent every day, and it is the belief of those who know its power that it will throftle an investigation into the money expended

by Senator Penrose and the liquor men in the primary and subsequent campaigns. The reason for the opposition of the liquor element is that if this investigation is started it will involve the liquor interests of the country in the greatest scandal and expose its operations in different States in the Union.

Appreciating the strength of the liquor party, Representative A. Mitchell Palmer said today he was not confident that the investigation demanded by him would be sanctioned by the Senate Committee of Elections and Privileges, of which Sen-ator Kern, the majority leader of the Benate, is the chairman. He said he had presented to the committee enough evi-dence to warrant the inquiry and had done his duty. It now rests with the Democratic Senate to complete the ex-pose for which Mr. Palmer has laid the foundation.

HUGE "SLUSH" FUND. "I have the affidavita of many liquor dealers in Pennsylvania to the effect that the liquor men were heavily assessed in the last campaign." said Mr. Palmer. "Some of these men left the secret meetings, refused to contribute to the 'slush' fund and are now willing to tell what was done by the liquor men to corrupt the primary and election last fall in Pennsylvania."

In Carbon County the saloonseepers were assessed 50, while in West Philadal-obia the assessment in some instances

phia the assessment in some instances was \$50, and in others it reached as high as \$100. The evidence in the hands of the Democrate involves many leading liquor men in Pennsylvania. It is pro-posed to summen them before the committes and require them under oath to testify to their contributions and the uses for which the money was raised. Mr. Palmer furnished the committee

Mr. Palmer furnished the committee with a long list of men who have knowledge of the transactions of the liquor association of Pehnsylvania.

"How much do you think was raised by the liquor dealers of Pennsylvania?" he was saked. "If they did in all counties what they did in those I have personal knowledge of, the amount would reach \$300.000" he

MOST OF IT FOR PENROUS "Was not sums of the liquer money on to since members of the Legislature. Constituted in Page Thus

# FRENCH GAIN TOWN'S FALL

General Pau's Columns Advance Close to Alsatian Railway Centre, and Paris Momentarily Awaits News of Capture.

The French advance into Alsace has reached a point only 21/2 miles from Altkirch, and Paris believes that the capture of that important railway centre is now but a question of hours. Nevertheless, the forward movement, the official communique issued this afternoon admits, has slowed up because of the heavy rains that have turned the Alsatian roads into quagmires.

The French claim progress at Lille and farther north in the region of Dixmude, but on the other hand, Berlin reports that French attacks at Courte Chausse, in the Argonne, have

been repulsed with heavy loss. In Flanders and along the Aisne the fighting has been confined almost entirely to artillery conflicts.

Possession of Mlawa, on the East Prussian frontier, is the objective of a sudden Russian offensive in North Poland. Already Rozrowa, an entrenched German position on the road from Przasnysz to Mława, has enemy's country at Soldau must follow Russian victory in the great battle which is developing.

German official reports speak slightingly of the Russian forward movement west of Warsaw, calling this a "feeling out" movement of minor significance. The same reports deny marked Russian success in Galicia and Hungary, where, however, Petrograd is emphatic in its statements of progress.

Turkish forces have occupied Urumiah, a Persian city on Lake Urumiah.

### FRENCH CLOSE TO ALTKIRCH; ALSATIAN TOWN MENACED Pau's Troops Capture Forest 216

Miles From Important Position.

# FRENCH ACCUSE GERMAN TROOPS OF VILE DEEDS

Many Breaches of International Law Charged Against Invaders in Official Report of Commission.

PARIS, Jan. 7. "No war between civilized nations has ever been characterized by such savagery and ferocity as our implacable enemy has shown on our soil. Pilluge, murder, rape and fire are common practices of

our enemy." This is the gist of a long official report made to Premier Viviani today by a commission appointed to inquire into breaches of international law by the Germans. The report dwells at considerable length upon the attitude of the German soldiers toward French women, and it is charged that many women living in French territory held by the invaders have suffered at the hands of the Kaiser's

The outrages against young girls are "The outrages against young girls are unbelievable," says the report, "and are of great frequency. We have authenticated a large number of such cases, but these are only a small fraction, as most of the victims are prevented by modesty from coming forward and exposing the inhuman treatment to which they have been subjected. Few of such outrages would have occurred if the German chiefa had taken the trouble to warn their would have occurred if the German chiefs had taken the trouble to warn their troops against rape. Although they may be considered individual, spontaneous acts of unfettered brutes, the German high commanders must accept full responsibility before humanty for the destruction of villages by fire and for many cases of murder."

# BIG ORDER FOR STEEL RAILS

Lackawanna Road Buying 20,000 Tons From Three Companies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 .- The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad are said to have divided orders for 18,9:9 tons been captured by a brilliant bayonet of steel rails between the Pennsylvania, charge and penetration into the Lackswanus and Bethlehem steel com-

> BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 7.-Finlay Yard, the new gravity classification yard and engine terminal of the Southern Rail-way, Just north of Birmingham, confain-ing 30 miles of track with a capacity of 2000 cars, has just been placed in service.

Southern Railway's New Terminal

Railroad Shops Reopened MURPHYSBORO, III., Jan. 7 .- The Mobile and Ohio shops here resumed opera-tions today. They were closed November 6. The men will be put to work grad-ually until the entire force is at work.

# BOOM IN STEEL TRADE

Specifications in Finished Products Increase 50 Per Cent. PITTSBURGH, Jan 1 .- According to

several managers, specifications for con-tracts for finished steel products during the last four weeks exceed those re-PARIS. Jan. 7.
Driving forward in Amace the French troops, though operating under wearber conditions highly unfavorable, are now conditions highly unfavorable, are now conditions being unfavorable are now the conditions of the conditions and conditions of the conditions are under the conditions of the conditions are those for the conditions are the conditions are those for the conditions are the conditions ar

# TRANSIT FIGHT WON: FOES PROVIDE FOR \$30,000,000 LOAN

### Chronologic Review of Transit Situation

October 27, 1914-Necessity of high-speed transit pointed out by EVENING LEDGER. October 31.—Business men in

October 31.—Business men in every section urge Director Taylor to address them on transit situation. November 3—People vote for appropriation of \$500,000 for relocation of severs in transit loop, as part of \$11,300,000 loan.

November 12—Every business organization in Philadelphic indorses EVENING LEDGER'S fight for rapid transit and urges massmeetings.

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November 19—Director Taylor, by request, begins tour of city and ad-dresses meetings in every section. November 23—Resolution intro-duced in Councils to appropriate \$500,000 voted by people.
December 3—Common Councilman Costello introduces ordinance recom-mending Frankford "L" alone.
December 5— Every member of Councils, with the exception of three, indorse Taylor plan and con-dems Costello plan.

three, indorse Taylor plan and condemis Costello plan.

January 7, 1915—Bill introduced in
Councils providing for a special election that the people may vote to increase the city's indebtedness to the
amount of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of establishing, purchasing,
leasing, locating, constructing,
equipping and improving transit facilities, wholly or in part.

Tonight residents of the northeast
will celebrate this victory with a
mass-meeting, details of which appear elsewhere in the EVENING
LEDGER.

# U. S. REFUSES PROBE OF GERMAN PROTEST

Neutrality Forbids Investigation of Charge Against Allies, Bryan Notifies Count von Bernstorff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 -- Charges by the Jerman Government that United States nanufacturers were supplying dumdum bullets to Great Britain will not be investigated by this Government. Secre-tary Bryan today formally notified Count yon Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, that the United States, adhering to its policy of complete neutrality, could not undertake an investigation into the ques-

The Ambassador, on behalf of the Ber-The Ambassador, on behalf of the Ber-lin Government, twice submitted written protests and alleged samples of the bul-lets picked up on the battlefields of Eu-rope. It was charged the missiles were fired from the British trenches.

President Wilson, Bryan stated in his resident wison, Bryan acted in his note, will use his influence to prevent, as far as possible, the sale of dumdum bullets or other objectionable ammunition to belligerent countries whenever evidence can be brought that American manufacturers intend selling such am

munition.
In the note to the German Govern-ment was included the substance of "voluntary" replies from American arms and ammunition manufacturers denying emphatically the charges brought by the German Government that they had sold dumdums to the British.

"I can assure 'your excellency," said Bryan's note, "that I am not unmindful of the spirit in which you bring to the attention of this department the improper practices which are alleged to have oc-curred in the conduct of the present war. But while this Government may take these statements and charges under consideration, it is, in its effort to main-tain strict neutrality in the present con-flict, obliged to refrain from investigating their trubtfulness or making any ing their trubtfulness or making any comment in regard to them. The time will come, however, when the truth may be impartially determined and when the judgment of the world will be passed upon the charges of the various beliligerents of violations of civilized warfars.

"Your Excellency also states that the British Government has ordered from the Winchester Repeating Arms Company 20,000 riot guns and 50,000,000 buckshot cartridges for use in such guns. This department saw a published statement of the Winchester Company, the correctness of which the company has confirmed to the Department by telegraph. In this statement the company categorically denies that it has received an order for such guns and cartridges from, or made any sales of such materials to, the British Government, or to any other Government engaged in the present war.

"Your Excellency further calls attention
to 'information, the accuracy of which is
not to be doubted,' that 8,000,000 cartridges

fitted with mushroom bullets have been delivered since October of this year by the Union Metallic Cartridge Company the Union Metallic Cartridge Company for the armament of the English army. "In reply I have the honor to refer to the letter of December 10, 1914, of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company, of New York. It states that instead of the 8,00,000 cartridges baving been sold, only a little over 117,000 aoft-nosed bullets were manufactured and 100,000 were sold. These cartridges were 109,000 were sold. These carridges were made to supply a demand for a better sporting cartridge with a soft nose buisporting cartridge with a soft nose builet, and the letter states that such cartvidges cannot be used in the military rifles of any Foreign Power. Of these only 560 cartridges went to British North America and 100 to British Essat Africa. "If, however, you can furnish the department with evidence that this or any other company are manufacturing and selling for the use of the contending armise in Europe cartridges whose use armies in Europe cartridges whose use would contravent The Hague conventions, the Government would be glad to be furnished with the evidence, and the President directs me to inture you that in case any American company is shown to be engaged in this tradic, he will use his influence to prevent so for as possible sais of cach arguments of to the Powers engaged to the Espageons war, without regard of whether it is the duty of this Government upon itself is con-ventional grounds to take slick action."

Connelly, Who Led in Opposing High Speed. Gives in, Introducing Bills in Councils.

Submits to Vote of the Peaple Plan to Increase Debt. Evening Ledger Hastened Victory.

The people have won their fight for real rapid transit. Two ordinces providing for a vote of the people on an increased Indebtedness of \$30,000,000 for new transit facilities were introduced in Councils by John P. Connelly, chairman of the Finance Committee, this afternoon Heretofore Connelly has been foremost in the ranks of the forces opposing the plans of Transit Director A. Merritt Tax-

plans of Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor for real rapid transit, surface, subway and elevated, in Philadelphia.

Since the Evening Ledourn was founded. September 14, 1914, less than four months ago, it has fought incessantly for the creation of a new rapid transit system in this city.

Through its columns the vital importance of the rapid transit issue has been put before the public with a wealth of detail for the first time since the plans were conceived. The opposition capitulated today. were concei lated today.

PUBLIC OPINION WINS. Those who fought against the compre

Those who fought against the comprehensive plans of Director Taylor admitted today that their fruition was inevitable, that it was utterly impossible for any man or body of men to deny the citizens of Philadelphia the facilities for netting from point to point swiftly that have been created by other cities. ON USE OF DUMDUMS "The estimated cost of the lines recom-mended for immediate construction in \$46,000,000," said Director Taylor this afternoon, 'but it would be unwise to cutior-ize an increase in the city's indebtedness to that amount for the purposes of fran-

ait development at the present time.

"The remaining necessary increase in the city's indebtedness which will be required to complete the facilities can be readily authorized at a general election in the future."

"PROTESTS" NOW CELEBRATIONS Jubilation instead of protest will be the ruling spirit at the big mans-meeting to be held in the Academy of Music the night of January 14. Plans for this meeting are going on as though the hardest part of the transit victory had not been

Instead of organizing city-wide action to force the bills through Councils, as had been planned, those belind the fight for rapid transit will utilize the meeting to drive home the fact that the question

now is virtually up to the citizens.

A special election will be called at a date to be decided on. At this Philadelphians will be asked whether they want adequate transit facilities or continuation indefinitely of the present long, thresome rides, trolley cars jammed to the doors and long waits for cars.

SPECIAL ELECTION PROVIDED

A special election is provided for in one of the ordinances. The other significs the desire of the city authorities to increase the debt of the municipality by \$10,000,000 "for the purpose of estab-Hishing, purchasing, leasing, locating, con-structing, equipping and improving transit facilities, wholly or in part, or for any one or more of them, and the use and operation of the same within the corporate limits of the city of Philadelphia and within the limits of ad-jacent cities, boroughs or townships."

The Mayor is authorized in the other erdinance to give notice of such election by public advertising. By the wording of the titles to the ordinances as quoted above, it will be seen that there is to

### Concluded on Page Two REPORT ON U. G. I. COMPLETE

Suit Under Sherman Law Believed

Probable. A completed report of the investigation of the business affairs of the United that Improvement Company it was learned to-day from Washington had been made to Attorney General Gregory by the anti-trust bureau of the Department of Investigation. tice. The report covers a period of two years and shows the gradual increase of the corporation's influence, as well as its alleged absorption of various subsidiaries. Assistant Attorney General Todd said the department was not prepared for court proceedings at this time. That some step will be taken shortly by the ment was evident. If proceedings are begun against the United Gas Improvement Company they will be brought in the Philadelphia Federal Court under the

# LOST AND FOUND

advartised in the Evening Ledger or reports to the "Lost and Found Human" at Ladge control will be listed for 56 days; here the can also be seen at the hain Office at language and the hain Office at language and the hain Office at language and the left at any of the days are rectying Ledger and or on he ledged directly to Ledger Central "Call Walnut at an in the control Call Walnut at an income of the control can be retained to the control call walnut at an income of the call walnut at an income of the call walnut at an income of the call walnut at a call walnut at a call walnut at an income of the call walnut at a call LOW! Jon th between with and and and followed with and both and Walnut had a strong the strong and the strong a A champie bug containly debant three discussed rings delicated in the contains of the contains delicated in the contains d